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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on General
Economic Analysis

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Subcommittee Activities

1. It is the desire of the Economic Intelligence Committee that the Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis expand its activities to include a series of meetings on the subject of current economic policy developments in Communist countries.
2. While no limitation is imposed on the number of meetings, it is desired that at least four sessions be held by 30 April 1967 in which current economic developments are discussed by the members of the Subcommittee. EIC members and associate members will have the right to designate, for participation in any particular meeting or function of the Subcommittee, any persons affiliated with their department or agency who have particular expertise on the subject matter to be discussed or who have a particular need for expert opinion on the subject.

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3. The proceedings of such meetings should be made a matter of record and circulated as Subcommittee minutes, with additional copies going to the members and participating associate members of the Economic Intelligence Committee for their information. The presently authorized functions of your Subcommittee include the issuance of formal reports if so decided; however, the primary purpose for extending the Subcommittee's activities at this time is to provide a forum for the exchange of views and information by experts rather than to increase the volume of EIC reports. Since the question of a subcommittee on military costing is still under process of review, this subject should not be included in the deliberations of the Subcommittee at least at present. Any member of the Subcommittee should be free to propose a subject for discussion or to present a substantive paper for discussion.

4. While this expansion of activities would seem to fall within the very broad charter, dated 29 October 1958, which has been given to the Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis it is anticipated that after a year of experience, the Subcommittee's Terms of Reference may be revised specifically to incorporate appropriate references to this activity.

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Chairman

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